

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

1.(currently amended): A method for receiving updated information using a portable disk-based information device, comprising:

requesting update information from a data provider [[150]];

receiving the update information from the data provider [[150]];

comparing the update information with information provided on the disk; and

delivering updated information to a user in response to a user request, reporting new information and replacing outdated information provided on the disk with information received from the data provider [[150]].

2.(currently amended): The method of claim 1 further comprising:

first agreeing to accept charges associated with receiving update information from a data provider [[150]].

3.(original): The method of claim 1 wherein the disk-based information device is one of a navigation device, a city guide, a hotel guide, a transportation schedule, or a business directory.

4.(currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the disk-based information device is operably connected to a portable networking device [[110]].

5.(currently amended): The method of claim 4 wherein the portable networking [[110]] device is one of a personal data assistant (PDA) or a cellular telephone.

6.(currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein the data provider [[150]] is accessed through a wireless communication network.

7.(original): The method of claim 4 wherein the wireless communication network is one of a mobile telephone network, a local-area network, or a satellite network.

8.(original): The method of claim 1 wherein the disk-based information device includes a read-only small form factor optical disk.

9.(currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein some or all update information from the data provider [[150]] is stored using one or more storage means selected from a group consisting of memory caching, disk caching, non-volatile random access memory (NVRAM), magnetoresistive random access memory (MRAM), and a mixed-function disk.

10.(currently amended): The method of claim 1 wherein requesting update information from a data provider [[150]] comprises sending one or more items selected from a group consisting of the user's search criteria, the geophysical location of the disk-based information device, identifiers for the user of the disk-based information device, identifiers for the application being used, and identifiers for the disk being used.

11.(currently amended): The method of claim 10 wherein information sent to the data provider [[150]] is used to minimize the amount of update information transferred by the data provider [[150]].

12.(currently amended): A computer-usable medium for receiving updated information using a portable disk-based information device, comprising:

computer program code for requesting update information from a data provider
[[150]];

computer program code for receiving the update information from the data provider
[[150]];

computer program code for comparing the update information with information provided on the disk; and

computer program code for delivering updated information to a user in response to a user request, reporting new information and replacing outdated information provided on the disk with information received from the data provider [[150]].

13.(currently amended): The computer-usable medium of claim 12 [[10]] further comprising:

computer program code for first agreeing to accept charges associated with receiving update information from a data provider [[150]].

14.(currently amended): The computer-usable medium of claim 12 wherein requesting update information from a data provider [[150]] comprises sending one or more items selected from a group consisting of the user's search criteria, the geophysical location of the disk-based information device, identifiers for the user of the disk-based information device, identifiers for the application being used, and identifiers for the disk being used.

15.(currently amended): The computer-usable medium of claim 14 wherein information sent to the data provider [[150]] is used to minimize the amount of update information transferred by the data provider [[150]].

16.(currently amended): A system for receiving updated information using a portable disk-based information device, comprising:

means for requesting update information from a data provider [[150]];

means for receiving the update information from the data provider [[150]];

means for comparing the update information with information provided on the disk;

and

means for delivering updated information to a user in response to a user request, reporting new information and replacing outdated information provided on the disk with information received from the data provider [[150]].

17.(currently amended): The system of claim 16 further comprising:

means for first agreeing to accept charges associated with receiving update information from a data provider [[150]].

18.(currently amended): A method for receiving updated information using a disk-based information device, comprising:

broadcasting update information from a data provider [[150]];

receiving the update information from the data provider [[150]];

comparing the update information with information provided on the disk; and

delivering updated information to a user in response to a user request, reporting new information and replacing outdated information provided on the disk with information received from the data provider [[150]].